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## Electronic Compliance And Dismissal (ECAD) Fact Sheet for Public Users

The following information will help explain about ECAD, how it works, and several key requirements for using the system.

- ECAD is a new web-based solution that is part of the larger initiative to modernize the North Carolina court system. The application delivers a fast, convenient means of requesting dismissal online for certain traffic offenses and potentially avoiding a trip to court.
- ECAD is integrated with North Carolina DMV data and the system automatically validates that public users are in a state of compliance for driver license, registration, and inspection offenses before allowing a request for dismissal.
- Offenses in ECAD include:
  - 5441 – No operator’s license
  - 4527 – Failure to carry a valid driver’s license
  - 4574 – Expired operator’s license
  - 4440 – Expired / no inspection
  - 5485 – DR / allow registration plate not display
  - 5491 – Drive / allow MV no registration
  - 4721 – Cancelled / revoked / suspended certificate / tag
  - 5461 – Expired registration card / tag
  - 5494 – Operating vehicle without insurance
  - 4528 – Failure to carry registration card
  - 4529 – Failure to sign registration card
- All offenses on a citation must be eligible for ECAD in order for the citation to be eligible.
- ECAD has three primary components: one for the public to request dismissal and check the status of pending requests, one for district attorneys to review requests and approve or deny them, and one for clerks to view the cases dismissed through ECAD.
- Once district attorneys approve an ECAD request, the case is electronically dismissed and the requestor is notified by email that they no longer need to appear in court.
- Any outstanding ECAD request that reaches five business days from the assigned court date without being addressed by the district attorney will be automatically denied and the defendant will be notified to appear in court on the assigned date.
- With the exception of driving without insurance, the system electronically checks compliance for ECAD offenses with the NC DMV. For driving without insurance, public users who meet all other eligibility requirements may upload an electronic image of a DL-123 or FS-1 as proof of compliance (for details, see the [Public Upload of Proof of Compliance Fact Sheet](#)).





- Cases disposed through ECAD do not require any data entry on the part of the clerk.
- ECAD requires that public users provide an email address so the system can automatically send them email confirmation when their request is submitted and when it is addressed by the district attorney.
- Public users are not required to pay a cost for requesting dismissal through ECAD.
- ECAD will not allow public users to request dismissal if the date of submission is closer than seven business days to the assigned court date.
- New language was added to citations statewide to make the public aware that they may be able to request dismissal online through ECAD by visiting [onlineservices.NCcourts.org](https://onlineservices.nccourts.org).
- ECAD was [rolled out statewide](#) in the summer of 2016.
- **If you have any questions regarding your legal rights and obligations, consult a licensed attorney.**

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